

RECYCLING GRANTS TO RESPONSIBLE UNITS

Authorization: s. 287.23, Wis. Stats., and ch. NR 542, Wis. Admin. Code

Budget: 2004 Calendar Year = \$24.5 Million
2005 Calendar Year = \$24.5 Million

Objective: To provide financial assistance to local units of government to operate effective recycling programs.

Eligibility: “Responsible units” are eligible. In general, a responsible unit is the local unit of government responsible for implementing its recycling program. Each municipality (city, town, or village) is a responsible unit unless that municipality becomes a part of a county responsible unit or transfers responsible unit status to another unit of government or solid waste management system by contract (under s. 66.30, Wis. Stats.). Only those responsible units that have an effective recycling program approved by the DNR may receive this grant.

Level of Assistance: The statutory grant calculation formula is based on the prorated amount the grantee was awarded or would have been awarded in 1999. Each grantee will receive the same percentage of the current appropriation (\$24.5 million in 2004 and 2005) as was received in 1999 grants (base = \$24 million), but not more than their projected net eligible costs for the current year.

Priorities: This is not a competitive grant program. All requests from responsible units are equally considered and funded based on the formulas and pro-rations mentioned under “Level of Assistance”.

Eligible Types of Projects: The recycling program costs of a responsible unit with an effective recycling program, minus the revenues derived from the sale of recovered materials, that are reasonable and necessary for planning or operating a recycling program are eligible for grant assistance.

Applications: Applications must be submitted by October 1 in the year preceding the year for which assistance is sought. Application forms available from the DNR must be used.

History: More than \$330 million have been distributed to responsible units since the inception of the program in 1990.

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